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# the Readers' response

## YOUR LETTERS ARE WANTED

You are invited to contribute to this new feature, which we trust will become a regular part of the Evangel. Letters of all kinds are welcome—your comments, your compliments, and (here we stick our chins out) your criticisms. We feel that such a column will be an inspiration to our writers and will make a better paper all around. We honestly want to know your response from week to week. Now we have asked for it, will you let us hear from you. All letters must be signed, for no unsigned letter will be published—whether it is complimentary, commenting, or critical. We will withhold your name if you request it, but the letter must be signed.

We are pleased with the Evangel beginning at the outside cover and continuing throughout, both in the make-up and reading matter. You have our compliments in your efforts and labors. I am hoping you can do something, as soon as possible, to help us in our Sunday School literature for the children by having graded lessons.

(Rev.) John L. Meares  
Pastor  
Memphis, Tennessee

Today I want to thank you for the Evangel which is sent to me regularly. It brings much cheer, and I like reading it after my day's work. I received a year's subscription from Brother Jewel Pierce, Piedmont, Alabama.

Mrs. W. Hopkinson,  
Zim Lith, Germany

I have been receiving your Evangel now for several weeks. I do not have the slightest idea of the reason why I am getting it. I am a Roman Catholic, and have been all my life. Consequently, I do not even bother to read your magazine. I take several Catholic weekly newspapers, and I spend my spare time reading them. I would advise you to stop sending the Evangel. Otherwise, you will be wasting time and money.

Mrs. M. E. Huff  
Midland, Texas

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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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I have been enjoying your editorials very much and also the easy-to-read two-column pages. Keep up the good work while you rest assured that many prayers go up for you daily.

(Rev.) Harvey Hudson,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Assistant pastor,

I have really enjoyed "The Homemakers Chapel" every week, "Marks of a Living Church," and Rev. H. D. Williams' sermon ("The Second Coming of the Lord," October 18 issue). I sincerely believe we have many great writers in our own ranks who, with a little encouragement, will furnish us with inspirational thought material for many a day.

Mrs. George W. Ayers,  
Sevierville, Tennessee.

I want to say I certainly like the "Father-Son" series of sermons of the Evangel. I believe this can and will be one of the leading article series of the Evangel.

(Rev.) Charles E. Tilley  
State Overseer  
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Eternity is a long time. We should constantly remember . . .

# The Shortness of Life

By R. L. PLATT

**A**S FOR MAN, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more," Psalm 103:15, 16.

Man's reason is his distinctive privilege, but it has one sad result—it makes him know his own weakness. What is man that God should be mindful of him? The lower animals of the forest go about enjoying their untamed strength, or eat the grass of the field, without a thought of death or the future. The animals of the field cannot comprehend the danger and pitfalls of life. Man alone is a prey to his own thoughts. He sees dangers approaching, and he knows beforehand his own destination. Life is very short, and death is certain.

Man has gone a long way toward prolonging life. Science can do marvels in one's life, but science cannot erase the hand of death. Through the ages man has been in quest of more life. Ponce De Leon, the Spanish explorer, heard of a fountain of water in the present State of Florida. He searched diligently for this well, or fountain of water, in hopes of adding years to his life. Life is not to be found in our material resources, but in that Man who told the woman at the well, "Drink of me, and you will never thirst again."

The lower animals cannot foresee death, but man is made constantly aware of what is awaiting him. Man feels himself getting older every day. He sees himself gradually approaching the point. First, youth passes and is gone; then manhood. All the successive stages gradually close and wind up with their respective feelings and associations. He feels himself faltering in mind and body year after year. Experiences, settled opinions, fixed positions in this world—all are signs of a life which grows and ripens and is then to decay. He feels this process going on. Man knows and is conscious of this great change. No sooner is he born than he foresees death; he is made a prophet in spite of himself. The soul of man is not for a few fleeting moments of time, but for eternity. Whether he would rather be without a soul is not a matter of choice. God breathed into man a soul that shall live when this earthly kingdom has fallen into decay.

Men throughout the ages have attempted to devise systems of thought in an attempt to make void the Word of God. They have worked out a philosophy that makes them a master of their own lives. Every thought, action, and deed centers around this present world. This kind of philosophy is suicide. This is, indeed, the most dreadful state

for the soul. Man is no longer that reasonable and prophetic soul which God made, but a slave of the devil.

**N**OW, WHAT IS THE SCRIPTURAL WAY of dealing with the subject of death? The Scriptures bring out, strengthen, and consolidate our prophetic feelings of death. The Bible, God's Word, makes us view death with a steady eye, and constantly reminds us that in the midst of life, we are in death, and that the life we now live shall end—"Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." This is a solemn and honest warning. This is God's voice. Let not earthly images trip us, but let us look straight at that which is and that which must be. The Scriptures tell the soul to prepare for death. We are in the world, indeed, for a short time, but it is in order to educate us for eternity. Man should so live each day as though he were the next one to be ushered into the very presence of God. Our lives should be hid with Christ. Our aim, ambition, our total outlook should be centered around the cross of Christ. Immortality is promised only to those who surrender to Him. The soul that is united to God will survive and go on living in His presence. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." No wonder a well-adjusted saint of God feels like a stranger in this present world. His citizenship is in heaven. His life is not anchored to this world.

Eternity is a long time. Our life is a "vapor which appeareth for a little while and then vanishes away." Preparation for eternity should be very serious, for it is of considerable duration.

We are living in the midst of a pagan and a materialistic world, full of ideas that are foreign to the ways of God. The prince and power of the underworld attempts to overthrow the kingdom of righteousness, and to make the way of God of non-effect in this present world. In the midst of this darkness, Jesus Christ is calling men and women to come to the light. I love that old song "There Is a Fountain." It assures one that God is still calling today.

"There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stain."

**A PLEADING VOICE IS HEARD** today in the midst of a sinful nation. The Father is now knocking at  
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# THE GODHEAD

By M. S. LEMONS

*Such a Father and such a Son,*

*The blessed Holy Ghost, three in One.*

*God has made the greatest sacrifice that ever was made.*

*Jesus paid the greatest price that ever was paid.*

**T**HIS IS WHAT PAUL CALLS THE GODHEAD. God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercy and the Father of all comfort. He is one God and one mediator between God and man. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," Titus 2:14. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God," Ephesians 2:8. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work," 2 Corinthians 9:8.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

"Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

"For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

"And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

"And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows," Hebrews 1:1-9.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen," Ephesians 3:20, 21.

JESUS is said to be the head of the Church throughout the dispensation of grace. At this time He is the head of the Church for all time to come. The one who was called Bar-jesus is not the real Christ of the Bible.

There was once a group of people called the sons of Sceva, who claimed to be the servants of the Lord. On one occasion they attempted to cast the devil out of a man, and in so doing the devil said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?" This man in whom was the evil spirit attacked them, and they began to flee posthaste. From this time none of those fellows ever tried to cast out devils any more, and they tell us they do not believe in the signs following believers as described in Mark 16:17, 18: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

"They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

THE BIBLE says, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

"My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Song of Solomon 6:8-10.

Now she is the bride, and the Bible tells us the bride is the Lamb's wife. In the eternal ages where God changes this world for the world to come, and Jesus is the King, and Jehovah is the Supreme God, Jesus has many brethren, and they all harmonize with Him. He brings them to His Father, and God receives them as His sons, and in eternity God gets an eternity of glory from these sons. We come now to the time of the fulfillment of Revelation 21:6, 7: "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

This is the climax of the highest standard of Christian living.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death," Revelation 21:8.

Noah Webster says a liar is one who tells lies, but these evidently have some hidden things for the last days. But

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# The Touch of His Hand

By CHESTER SHULER



THE STORY IS TOLD that, during World War I, a soldier, wounded on the battlefield, was taken to a hospital. Finally, he found his way back to a large hospital in America. He was in critical condition—eyes blinded, mind beclouded, body mangled.

His mother traveled many miles. Finally, she reached her boy's bedside, and laid her hand on his brow. Instantly, the boy said, "Hello, Mother! It's your hand. I'd know it anywhere." Although the mother had spoken no word, he knew the touch of her hand!

There are many references in the Word to the Lord's hands. They touched so many suffering ones—and made them whole again. They were lifted in blessing upon people and things. And on the tree they were wounded—for sinners.

It was those wounded hands that identified the risen Lord to the doubting Thomas (John 20:27). Perhaps some day saved ones will again look upon those pierced hands when He shall appear again, and they shall "see Him as He is!" (1 John 3:2.)

The touch of those wonderful Hands did several things:

**They Brought Life.** This occurred often (Luke 8:54; John 11:43, etc.). One day the Master was in the city of Nain with His disciples and many other persons. There, they witnessed the funeral of an only son. The widowed mother was very sorrowful. Many of her friends sought to give her comfort, in vain. None could help. And then the Lord Jesus saw her (Luke 7:13). The Word says He had compassion on her. He was touched with her grief—just as He was touched at the grave of His friend, Lazarus (John 11:35).

"Weep not," Jesus said to the woman (Luke 7:13). But simply telling her to cease crying would not have helped. Probably, if she did not know who Jesus was, she only cried the harder. But Jesus didn't merely advise; He acted. "He came and touched the bier; and they that bare him (the dead son) stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.'"

At this point, we can easily imagine how the weeping mother's attention was attracted from her own grief. What was this Man saying? He was speaking to her dead son! Who ever heard of such proceedings at a funeral? Telling the dead body to arise! But things happened, for we read: "And he that WAS dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother."

Can we imagine that mother's joy? It is no wonder that "there came a fear on all" (Luke 7:16, f.c.). They were

certain that "a great prophet" had risen among them. Yes, the touch of His hand had brought life to the dead, and joy to the living!

**Their Touch Brings Blessing.** Do we seek a blessing? Is there some loved one for whom we crave a blessing? Someone for whom we wish the best things in life—and in eternity?

In Mark's Gospel (10:13-16) we find a touching scene. Young children were brought to Jesus. Matthew states (Matthew 19:13) that these little ones were brought to Jesus "that he should put his hands on them, and pray." It was the mothers' desire that those holy Hands should touch their little ones. What a laudable desire for modern parents, too! Those mothers brought their children to Jesus. They didn't send them. Children are much more likely to find Jesus when the parents go along.

This must have been an unusual procedure. The disciples rebuked the mothers. They felt that their Master was much too busy to be troubled by mere women and children. But it was different with Jesus. He was "much displeased" with the disciples' words (Mark 10:14). "And he took them (the children) up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." As if for a mark of special distinction, to show His special pleasure at having those weak babes brought to Him, Jesus seems to have taken them up in His arms!

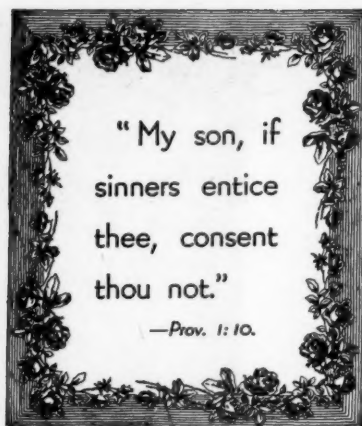
**Their Touch Brings Peace and Confidence.** Are we frightened, puzzled, anxious, afraid? So were the disciples on numerous occasions. One such scene is described in Matthew 17:1-8, the transfiguration on a high mountain. Peter, James, and John had been chosen by Jesus to accompany Him and witness His glory. Peter had spoken impetuously to the Lord during this time of exaltation—and it seems that God, the Father, replied to Peter, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

But the voice from the cloud struck terror to the hearts of the three disciples. When they heard it, "they fell on their face, and were sore afraid."

"And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only" (Matthew 17:7, 8).

In this instance, the touch of Jesus' hands brought

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# TOBACCO

## Part 2

THE USE OF CIGARETTES has caused much disease to be developed in our respiratory system. There is much convincing evidence of the irritating and harmful effects of smoking upon the

### THE HARMFUL QUALITIES OF TOBACCO STAGGER THE IMAGINATION

throat, bronchial tubes, and lungs. The effects are caused by the irritation of the poisonous substances contained in the smoke. These constitutional effects are of two natures: those due to interference with the blood supply to the lung tissue and those referable to the effects of smoking upon the general nutrition and resistance to disease. Tobacco smoke is responsible for many cases of cough, laryngitis, bronchitis, and, in some instances, even pneumonia.

Smoking, especially of cigarettes, is one of the leading causes of tuberculosis of the lungs.

Smoking also leads to tuberculosis by causing poor nutrition and loss of weight. Smoking lessens the appetite for food through its effects upon the adrenal glands, thus causing stored-up sugar to be released into the circulation. When the liver is robbed of these reserves, it in turn probably draws upon the fat reserves of the body to replace this loss caused by smoking.

Smoking and a nervous state of mind are two of the most common causes for gastric ulcers. Recently, many of our prominent stomach specialists have declared they would positively refuse to treat patients with ulcers unless they quit smoking. Nicotine produces a taxing or paralyzing effect upon the nerve endings. Nicotine has an effect similar to that of alcohol and opium. Nicotine, however, is much more deadly than either alcohol or opium. Nicotine does the most physical harm to the body. Nicotine is likely to cause numerous disagreeable symptoms and is very injurious to health. Among these symptoms which effect the nervous system of our body are headaches, giddiness, insomnia, irritability, mental depression, lack of energy, and sluggishness. Tobacco causes symptoms of depressions, apathy, moral deterioration, and loss of energy, appetite, weight, and sexual potency.

Tobacco affects the special senses in many harmful ways. For instance, tobacco affects the eyes in two principle ways. The first is not of great significance, but the second, however, is of great significance. This effect consists of varying degrees of blindness resulting from the toxic effects of nicotine upon the optic nerve or the eye

centers in the brain. Diabetics who smoke are in grave danger of becoming blind.

Although the healthy ear is seldom involved in disease due to smoking, many cases have been reported. Some very disagreeable and sometimes rather serious complications have arisen from the use of tobacco. Quite a number of competent authorities have noticed that deafness has occurred because of the harmful effects of tobacco upon the auditory nerve.

The senses of taste and smell are often affected very unfavorably by the use of tobacco in any form.

The skin of confirmed smokers loses much of its natural color and becomes sallow or pale. The skin also appears to be thinner and easily falls into wrinkles. This is because the fatty tissues underneath the skin become absorbed through the effects of nicotine upon the body. The effects are especially visible in women who have smoked for a few years. Nothing is more harmful to facial beauty than smoking, unless it is a combination of smoking, drinking, and general dissipation. In recent years, medical doctors have noticed occasional evidences of chronic arsenic in the skins of smokers. This poisoning occurs because lead arsenate is very freely used as an insecticide by tobacco growers. It has been found to be impossible to remove all this arsenic from the tobacco leaves. Chronic arsenical poisoning is very dangerous, and may happen to any smoker. The only way to prevent it is to abstain from smoking. Tobacco can not be raised commercially without the use of insecticides. Lead arsenate is the one that is universally used.

The smoking of tobacco affects the glands of internal secretion. The shrunken and flaccid muscles, as well as the general lack of tone in the skin, of many young women, who appear prematurely old, result from damage of the thyroid gland resulting from smoking.

SMOKING IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, a direct cause of cancer through its irritating effects upon the membranes of the lips, mouth, tongue, and bronchial tubes.

Smoking also causes ulcer of the stomach. This disease often develops into cancer.

The National Institute of Cancer in Madrid has shown that among a people where smoking has been confined mostly to men, 95 per cent of the cases of cancer of the mouth were in men. Raffo of Buenos Aires came to a similar conclusion. He found that 85 per cent of the cancers of this type were in men. He found that 92 per cent of the cancers of the mouth were in heavy smokers. Twelve per cent of the cases that occurred in women were in those who smoked. Three cases of chest cancer and five primary cases of cancer of the lung were reported among patients who were men.



# • and HEALTH

By W. D. Polen

smokers. This certainly is enough evidence for any level-headed person to prove that smoking is an important cause of cancer of the lips, tongue, mouth, and the whole respiratory tract. All authorities will acknowledge that unhealed ulcers will frequently cause cancer to follow.

Dr. W. H. Dobson, M. D., of Berkely, California, a former medical missionary in China, has made a very careful study on the causes of cancer. He tells us that the smoke tar from cigarettes is the factor which causes cancer. When this smoke tar is applied to the ears of a rabbit, it causes 100 per cent cancer. Cancer of the lung has increased 300 per cent during the last 30 years.

MANY FORWARD-LOOKING physicians and sociologists are viewing with grave concern the wide spread of smoking among girls and women because of the obvious and well-known effects of

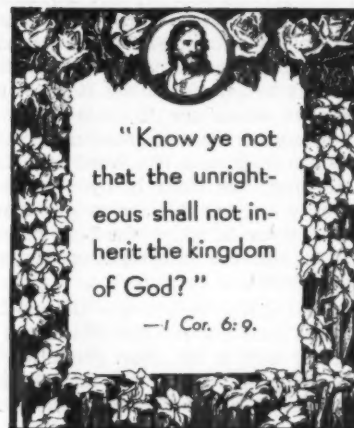
## TOBACCO'S HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE UNBORN GENERATION

By reducing the blood supply to the various sex or reproductive glands and organs, nicotine interferes with their normal functioning. Most doctors who do a great deal of obstetrical work have noticed in recent years that women who smoke do not gain the weight they should during that time, and they have more complications, such as nausea, vomiting, and more premature births than women who do not smoke. More effects of smoking upon the health of these women are: causes collapse of the nervous system; interferes with the development of the unborn child; destroys the appetite; causes insomnia; increases pulse rate; causes annoying cough; causes bad mouth tracheitis and bronchitis; produces tendency to stomach and bowel disturbances; interferes with lactation; harms young mothers who have not reached full growth; and harms by the effects of inhalation of the poisonous gases in the tobacco smoke.

A careful study of the effects of smoking upon various phases of schoolwork, made by responsible educators, has brought forth interesting results. The results were highly in favor of the nonsmokers. The conclusions of all educational authorities make it clear that when children begin to smoke, they usually deteriorate rapidly in every respect.

Here is the personal testimony of Gil Sanford, who was a smoker. He says, "My general health is better. I stopped having frequent afternoon headaches. My appetite is better. My throat began to behave as if it appreciated decent treatment again. My yellow fingers . . . turned a normal flesh color. My teeth lost the tobacco stain which the dentist recognizes but is powerless to stop."

The smoking of cigarettes is very costly. The average smoker spends at least \$73 a year for cigarettes. In one



recent year, \$922,500,000 was spent for cigarettes. This same amount of money would have purchased 9,000,000,000 (billion) loaves of bread at ten cents a loaf—enough bread to supply the entire nation with the food of life. This enormous sum of wasted money would have bought 230,000,000 pairs of shoes at an average of \$4.00 a pair—enough to provide shoes for the entire nation. This huge sum of money wasted each year would have paid for two and one-half Panama Canals or five and one-half Boulder Dams.

Each year careless smokers damage highly finished furniture, pianos, and mantels.

The damage to hotels, restaurants, and motion picture theaters in the cities of this country is enormous. The manager of one New York hotel finds that in an average month about 450 of his tablecloths, about 200 napkins, and about 150 felt table tops are damaged by cigarettes.

Figures obtained from the U. S. Forestry Service positively charged 11.7 per cent of all forest fires to smokers. The annual fire loss amounts to nearly \$2,000,000 in protected areas, and amounts to over \$6,000,000 in unprotected areas.

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**C**HRIST GAVE ONE CONDITION requisite to the existence of the Church—the presence of two or three gathered in His name. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Christ is the Head of the Church, which is His body; where the Head is there also is the body. A small group of the redeemed may gather in the name of our Lord; they read His Word; the Lord constitutes that gathering, His Church, by His presence. The Church is not only an organization or organism; it is an “event.” It is that event in which the Lord meets His waiting congregation, and the congregation responds to His saving, self-revelation.

The size does not affect in any way the existence of the Church. Smallness does not rob the Church of any of her capacities; neither does it lift from the Church the basic responsibilities. Largeness in no way adds to the presence of basic qualifications of the Church. The Church exists qualitatively, not quantitatively. In this light there is no such thing as “better” and “poorer” churches. All the qualities of the existence of the Church are present in any gathering of the redeemed. All the demands of the Church are likewise there; particularly among these is the demand for unity. This is the heart of I Corinthians 12; it is shown by the unity of the baptizing Spirit, and by the unity of the body into which we are baptized.

### **The Unity of the Baptizing Spirit**

**T**HERE IS BUT ONE SPIRIT, one baptism, one Lord, and, therefore, but one Church. This oneness is the first essential of unity. “For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body . . .” (1 Corinthians 12:13a). The Holy Spirit emphasizes this unity by giving and inspiring but one testimony; this testimony is to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This is an exclusive testimony, for it is given only to those moved on by the Holy Spirit. No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost” (1 Corinthians 12:36). Only the true Church can have the testimony of the Spirit in the Lordship of Christ. This is further an all-comprehending testimony, for it comprehends the lowest level of servitude and the highest level of Lordship. By the testimony of the Spirit in the Church, Christ is made most sovereign Ruler and Lord, and we are made most humble bondslaves. This forbids the profaning of the holy name and any perversion of the glorious testimony of the Church.

Unity, however, cannot continue where there is a uniformity of all members. A “unity” consisting of uniform members, if unity it is, is a limited unity. Uniformity destroys entirety and invites schism. For this reason, the Holy Spirit manifests Himself and supports His one testimony by divers manners. There is but one Spirit, but His manifestations are many. Likewise, there is but one Lord, one testimony, and one God, but there are various ministries, gifts, and operations.

This fact is clearly shown by the apostle here; there is the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, the gift of faith, the gifts of healing, etc. The nine gifts he explains here do not testify of nine spirits, nor of a division of the Spirit or the Church. These all proceed from the same Spirit to the one body of Christ in support of the Spirit's testimony.

These gifts are given to individuals throughout the Church. They are gifts to the Church and for the Church, but they are distributed to individuals for their profit.

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There is a benefit both to individuals and the body in the distribution of the gifts of the Spirit. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal” (1 Corinthians 12:7).

The distribution of these gifts is dependent on the will of the Holy Ghost, for He divides “to every man severally as he will” (1 Corinthians 12:11). We are told to seek earnestly the best gifts, but it is still the Holy Spirit's divine right—and His alone—to determine the distribution of the gifts. Therefore, He gives to one the gifts of healing, to another the gift of faith, and on through all His manifestations until His wisdom is satisfied in supplying the needs of the Church. He seeks one aim—a complete Church fitted to the glory of her Lord.

It is not proper that the Holy Spirit should have only one manifestation; nor is it proper that the Church should have or emphasize only one gift. This sameness could never support fully the unity of the Spirit, the unity of Christ, and the unity of the Church. Diversity, then, is vital to unity, and between the two there is no opposition. Unity demands diversity, and diversity supports unity. All the divine manifestations have one Author, and one aim—the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Unity of the Body Into Which We Are Baptized**

**WE ARE ALL MEMBERS** of one body—the body of Jesus Christ. We enter into this body by an act common to all—baptism into the body of Christ. As Christ is one, we are one. A multitude of churches requires a multitude of christs and baptisms. The oneness of Christ and His body, along with our common baptism into that body, breaks down all barriers to unity. By this baptism we are all members one of another, and this kinship is stronger than, and it supersedes, all the barriers that divide society. In the body of Christ, all racial, social, and former religious barriers are broken down; there is no place for them in a unified body. “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to



# OF THE CHURCH

ing Spirit and the Unity of the Body  
are Baptized Expounded

By R. H. GAUSE



drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). The distinction of Jew and Gentile, and bond and free, endangered the unity of the early Church. The same lesson of division and unity may be learned in the contemporary Church. In the body of Christ there can be no barriers and schisms of the negro and white, the "cultured" and "uncultured," the ignorant and the intelligentsia, the "better society" and "poorer society," and many other carnal distinctions. We are brethren, and members one of another, as closely knit as the hand to the arm, as bone with marrow.

In such a close union it is necessary that there be many different members, as in our physical bodies. "And if they were all one member, where were the body?" (1 Corinthians 12:19). We cannot all be the same, but we can all be one. We cannot all do the same particular task, but we are all laborers together of God. We cannot all be the same member, but we are all the same body.

The members of the body are so joined and fitted to each other as to give harmony and interdependence in the body. "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the hand to the feet, I have no need of you" (1 Corinthians 12:21). No part of the body can boast itself against or at the expense of other members of the body. The preaching ministry cannot say there is no place for the teacher; the evangelist cannot despise the pastor. God does not will that all should be missionaries, preachers, etc. The members of the body, like the existence of the Church, have qualitative significance, and that in relation to the overall activity of the Church. Therefore, the ministry is not above the laity; no segment or order of the ministry is above any other segment of the ministry. There are varying degrees of authority, but we are all members one of another. We cannot feel that any ministry is the only ministry. "If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?" (1 Corinthians 12:17).

This same distribution of functions must be applied to all the gifts of the Spirit. Occasionally the Church has a rash of emphasis on some particular gift; during that time

everyone is seeking or emphasizing that particular gift to the neglect of all others. These are gifts given to the Church and distributed by the wisdom of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit's purpose in fashioning and distributing nine gifts is to have a fully equipped church and to honor Christ. Some of these gifts are more spectacular than others, just as Paul here says that some parts of the body are more comely; but the uncomely parts receive greater honor, for they are more needful. As the gifts are placed in the body for harmony and function (not for the honor of the gift), so the gift-bearer is placed in the body for harmony and function. The gifts are not rewards for degrees of consecration; for if they were, they would not be called gifts. The term "gift" presupposes the graciousness of the giver, and precludes merit, works, or consecration as a basis for receiving the gift. The gifts are not without these, but they are not the reasons for the coming of the gifts. These gifts, then, are not measures of spiritual worth or depth.

We are too much inclined to honor the spectacular and to neglect, if not even despise, the unobtrusive; this is true concerning the gifts of the Spirit and concerning the members of the body of Christ. The quiet, consecrated layman is just as honorable and essential as the minister. The faithful and able pastor of a small country church is just as valuable and indispensable to the body of Christ as the executive heads of the Church or the pastors of the large churches in our cities. In turning again to the gifts of the Spirit, we see the same thing. The gift of wisdom is just as honorable as the gift of healing; the gift of knowledge is as honorable as the gift of prophecy. The gift of interpretation is a part of the Spirit's ministry the same as the unknown tongue. The fact that one bears any one or all the gifts is no point of personal honor or exaltation, nor is it evidence of consecration above others without a gift. The person with a gift cannot be exalted above a person without a gift. The Spirit divides these according to His wisdom, not according to reward or personal honor. No member of the body or gift of the Spirit is ever exalted at the expense of the others; this is not God's will. All are placed in order to avoid schism and to support each other.

OUR UNION with each other is organic. We are inherently related, for we are all one body, members one of another. This union is so close that no one suffers alone, and no one rejoices alone. At this moment, the Church is suffering persecution in Communist China; this is the suffering of the entire Church. The hurt of the Church there is the hurt of the Church here. A victory of the Church here is a victory of the Church universal. Every hurt in the smallest member reaches the Head, which is Christ; and, conversely, all rejoicing in the members is His rejoicing.

As we have already noticed, the gifts and officers of the Church are placed by the Holy Spirit. He does not work through all alike; all are not apostles; all do not prophesy; all do not perform miracles. There is an order of government here, and it is determined by God; no man or angel has a right to tamper with it by implication or direct statement. Sometimes we get the feeling that we are actively serving God only if we are preaching, but the Holy Spirit does not so will it. The impression often given today on the gifts is that there is but one, and that is the gift of healing. Perhaps each generation of the Church has its peculiar problem here, but Paul gives us advance instruction. "Are

all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" (1 Corinthians 12:29, 30).

God has established various officers in the Church in order to produce unity. Knowing that only one office or function was inadequate, He established several, but with only one aim and in one body. That aim is the perfection of the saints. We must all be brought to the fulness of the stature of Jesus Christ. The one basic quality of all this is the Headship of Jesus Christ. He is the governing Head of the Church. In this position, He is the Author of all rules and government in the Church. The Church is not free to make her own rules of government, or methods of worship, or offices of ministrations. Christ is the Author of church government; He governs the order of worship. We are dependent on what Christ, our Head, ordains.

As we have one source of government, we have one source of wisdom. In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). The wisdom that is incarnate in Christ is revealed and dispensed to us by the Spirit in His Word and other ministrations. The wisdom of the Church is divine, as distinguished from human; it is spiritual as distinguished from materialistic and worldly; it is unifying as distinguished from divisive.

**CHRIST IS NOT ONLY** our government and wisdom; He is also our life and nourishment. We exist by Him, and all life proceeds from Him. All strength and grace proceed from Him, and they are given only according to that which He ordains in His Word. He orders the reading of the Word, the sacraments, prayer, testimony, and other means of feeding on Him. That which He thus prescribes is the only means of partaking of His grace. He is the Fountainhead of all grace, and it is His prerogative to order and govern the distribution of that grace; we must worship Christ according to Christ's instructions.

This unity of the Church is supported by the oneness of her Lord, her baptism, and the Holy Spirit. In the Spirit we are to seek the best gifts—covet them earnestly; but let us know what best is. The best is determined by the circumstances of the servant and the needs of the Church for function and unity. Possession of all the gifts is not, however, the highest way; there is a more excellent way. The way of love is more excellent than angelic tongues, the gift of prophecy, or the faith to remove mountains. The reasons for the excellency of love are given in 1 Corinthians 13. Love suffers long, and is kind; it is not envious or rash. It is not puffed up, and does not behave itself unseemly. It is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoices in the truth. All these gifts of the Spirit are temporal and are provided for the Church in her earthly needs; they are not fitted for eternity. Love is fitted both for time and eternity. Love governs and qualifies all the gifts. It has more power for the kingdom of God and is more vital to the unity of Christ's body than all the gifts together.

#### THE SHORTNESS OF LIFE

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each heart by the greatness of His love. Jesus Christ is now knocking by His free and full redemption. The Holy Ghost is now knocking by His gracious strivings. The Holy Trinity have combined to save lost humanity. Accept now the

eternal life that is in Christ Jesus; in the place of past estrangement will be mutual friendship, and you will enjoy the combined love of the indwelling Trinity. To open the door of the heart to Christ is to love Him, and to each who loves Him and keeps His commandments the Son says: "My Father will love him, and we will come into him, and make our abode with him."

Even if "I will sup with him and he with me" does embody the impartation of whatever is essential to present and to everlasting happiness, those who have decided not to open the door to Christ must be reminded that though the Saviour will not break open the door by forcing their will, they will hear another knock, and the door will be forced.

*"Death comes on with reckless footsteps  
To the hall and hut;  
Think you, Death will tarry knocking  
Where the door is shut?  
Jesus waiteth, waiteth, waiteth,  
But the door is fast.  
Grieved, away the Saviour goeth;  
Death breaks in at last."*

Wherever you go and whatever you do, remember that "it is appointed unto man once to die, and after death the judgment." May the sunshine flash it, and the night stars beam it, that during the brightness of the day and the darkness of the night you may be reminded that He who now implores admission to your heart will then be your Judge. You must behold His almightiness, be manifested before Him, by Him be acquitted or condemned, and from Him receive a welcome into His kingdom or everlasting banishment from His glorious presence. "He that hath the Son, hath life; he that hath not the Son, hath not life." On each Christless soul, the wrath of God abideth. If you disregard Christ's knock at your heart now, He will not hear your knock at His mercy door then.

*There 'tis time to stand entreating  
Christ to let thee in,  
At the gates of heaven beating  
Waiting for thy sin.  
Nay, alas, thou guilty creature!  
Hast thou then forgot?  
Jesus waited long to know thee  
Now He knows thee not.*

#### THE GODHEAD

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these fellows will be bound together to be burned as the tares in the parable of Jesus: "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

"And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth," Matthew 13:40-42.

The furnace of fire is evidently the hell to which God told Lucifer he would have to go, and in the last days Satan and all of his hosts will go there. When this takes place, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father," Matthew 13:43.

## THE TOUCH OF HIS HAND

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peace, comfort, confidence—and caused the disciples to *lift up their eyes* . . . with the result that always comes with “lifted vision”—they SAW JESUS ONLY.

When Peter tried to walk on the sea, he seems to have succeeded until he “saw the wind boisterous.” He must have taken his eyes off Jesus, hence his disaster. “Lord, save me!” he cried out—and IMMEDIATELY Jesus stretched forth His hand, and Peter was saved. (Matthew 14:28-31.)

**Their Touch Brings Power and Fitness for Service.** Do we feel the need of more spiritual power? More skill, better “sight” the ability to see clearly what should be done, and how to do it? Do our ears need more keenness of hearing—to cries of those in distress? Do we feel sometimes that our tongues need power to speak when we ought to speak—or a “bridle” to restrain their improper activity? (James 1:26.)

The Book is clear that Jesus’ Hands touched and healed other folks with similar needs—with blessed results. When Peter’s mother-in-law was down with a fever, it was the

touch of Jesus’ hand that restored her so completely that “she arose, and ministered unto them” (Matthew 8:14, 15). She was healed *for service*, by the touch of His hand. And she served—at once. She didn’t wait for a period of idle convalescence. Matthew 9:29 states another instance where Jesus’ hands *touched eyes* and opened them following a confession of faith in Him. Those eyes, too, were opened and performed service, by guiding the healed man and enabling him to “spread abroad” the fame of the Lord.

Perhaps no act of those Hands in healing is more touching, however, than on the occasion of Jesus’ betrayal, when He healed the ear of the man whom Peter, in his haste, had wounded with a sword (Luke 22:47-53). Jesus *touched* the injured ear, and healed the man—evidently a member of the mob that had come to do Him violence! We are not told just what service that particular ear later performed—could it not be possible that the man later remembered the strange things which he heard and saw that night and on the days which followed?

The Lord Jesus can touch people today even as then, by His Spirit. He can save *for service*. There is mighty power in His touch.



### REPORTS

**WASHINGTON, N. C.**—An old-fashioned camp meeting was a reality at the Snowd Branch camp meeting from August 28 through September 7. Rev. L. N. Puit, of Roanoke Rapids, was the night speaker; his preaching blessed our souls. Many were healed in body and soul. The ministers of the district were very cooperative, and we were very happy to have several ministers from other districts of the state and Virginia participate in the services with us. Throughout the meeting the Lord blessed in a wonderful way, and we are looking forward to the best year the Washington District has ever had for the Lord.—Rev. I. C. Morris, Reporter.

**FITZGERALD, Ga.**—We are happy to report a very successful rally day here at Fitzgerald for the purpose of raising enough money to put the roof on our new church building. Our state overseer, Rev. D. C. Boatwright, was

### IDAHO MINISTERS' MEETING

The Idaho Ministers' Meeting was held in Lewistown, September 26 and 27. Pictured above are the ministers who attended this meeting. Reading from left to right they are: Norman Louis Jones, E. M. Keen, Leonard Tomlin, James Loer, C. W. Coker, James Pitts, I. E. Sperry, Duskin Keller, and Charles E. Tilley, State Overseer.

the guest speaker and brought a very timely message on “On to Canaan.” His scripture reading was from Deuteronomy 1, the latter clause of verse 6, “Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount.” After the message, he proceeded to take an offering, which amounted to \$3,044.62, for which we praise the Lord. Pray for us here that we may soon be in our new building, for we need it very much.—Joe T. Cooper, Clerk.

**KINGS CREEK, S. C.**—We are happy to report a new work at Kings Creek, South Carolina. About eight weeks ago we went there with a tent and started a Sunday School and evening services. God has really blessed in each service. We now have about 50 to 60 in Sunday School. We have already begun to build a mission. We are happy to report that 20 have been saved, 3 sanctified, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost since this work was started. Pray that our work will grow, and many more will find God.—Rev. L. R. Privette, Pastor.

**BLAIRSVILLE, Ga.**—Sister Mattie Raynew conducted healing services here at the Owltown Church of God for a week. We are thankful for some wonderful healings. One lady was healed of a goiter, another of cancer. We appreciate the great work Sister Raynew is doing.—Isaac Fortenberry, Clerk.



# Man and missions

from the  
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## NEW CHURCH OF GOD MISSION ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI AND THE DEVIL FLED

By Mrs. Grier Hawkins  
and  
Fia Afalava

Dear Brother Walker:

**A** WEEK AGO I left Honolulu to come help in the new mission on the Island of Maui, as our Brother Nakashina had to return to his job. I know the responsibility in Honolulu needs more than one worker, but it seemed that either Brother Hawkins or I would have to come to the new field, if we couldn't get some way provided for another minister to come. I have our youth director with me. She paid her own way out and we have been doing some pioneer work in this new field. We were thankful that we had the use of the building, or church, which we hope to obtain for a mission.

There is a great need for workers here. I realized that living conditions here are very high, so we brought along a hot plate and some can goods that were given us in Honolulu.

We arrived in time for service Sunday night. God met with us in a wonderful way. We had not reached there in time to get our beds ready for sleep that night, so the sister and I were invited to sleep in one of the sugar plantation camps. We were able to lock the entrance, as we felt it a very dangerous place for Christians. We had seen the lady across the street pray through to salvation and, of course, her former religion had been Hawaiian witchcraft. The leader of this group resented our being in town.

### A Flash of Black Wings

That night we were awakened by a strange noise, such as we had never heard before. It seemed the evil powers were close upon us. We both rose from bed and prayed for God to protect us. As we did so, there was a sudden weird sound and a flash of black wings left our window. All was

still, and we knew that it was the workings of the KAHUNA'S Hawaiian gods. But praise God who has all power, in Him there is safety.

Next morning found us ready to sleep in the empty building where we planned to have church. It is in the town and two blocks from the courthouse, so we felt much better away from the camp. We did much visiting the days to follow. In one week's time, we made about sixty-five personal contacts and invited people to church.

There is an old Hawaiian church with a large membership that has been completely destroyed three times, and the people feel that the evil spirits have caused it. Many of the members are earnestly seeking to know a better way to serve God. We must work long and patiently to turn them from their superstitions. Many Japanese people welcomed us and agreed to come to church.

We have found that the people regard a man to minister to them more than a woman, so we are returning to Honolulu. We do trust that either Brother Nakashina or someone can be sent right away to help the ones that have been saved. We are doing all we can to spread the gospel in this part of the mission field. Our hindrances are finance and workers, but we are praying the Lord of harvest to send the help needed.

### BEACHHEADS FOR GOD'S CHURCH IN COSTA RICA

Christian greetings from Costa Rica, Central America.

Well, thank the Lord, the revival goes on. Aleluya! We now have the following works:

**Central Church (Barrio los Angeles) . .**

The Lord has blessed us here with hundreds of souls. We are now under heavy persecution here. Pray much for us.

**El Zapote Church . . .** This church has secured its land and material and I hope the Missions Board

will furnish the roof; we are depending on you. It will cost \$500. It will be the second Church of God in the Republica de Costa Rica. Amen.

**San Sebastian Church . . .** God has richly blessed us here despite much persecution, but recently the enemy has been defeated here by prayer and the proper authorities have placed order. A brother built the church here with his own money and gave it to the Church of God.

**Barrio Mexico Church . . .** This was a Methodist Mission, very cold and dead as a doornail, but a spirit of revival has begun to burn, so we are expecting great results from this.

**San Jose la Montana . . .** We organized a church of seven, and the Lord is surely blessing wonderfully.

**Siquirres Church . . .** The brethren in Siquirres are awaiting news about the help for their new church building.

**Limon Church . . .** This church needs repair and an evangelistic campaign.

**Barra El Colorado . . .** A big revival has started, with hundreds of souls saved. We were given lots to build two churches on this side of the river and one on the other side.

Pray much for us; we need help to carry on the work.—Yours in Christ,  
Noel H. DeSouza.

**TELEGRAM: WEST FLINT RAISES \$1,780.80 MISSIONS.** REV. T. L. FOR-  
ESTER, PASTOR AT WEST FLINT,  
PUT ON A DRIVE IN SUNDAY  
SCHOOL OCTOBER 12 TO RAISE  
\$790, WHICH WAS THEIR BUDGET  
OF FIVE DOLLARS PER MEMBER.  
WHEN SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS OVER  
AND THE FINAL COUNT WAS MADE,  
THEY HAD \$1,780.80.—M. P. CROSS,  
STATE OVERSEER.

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By Mildred Morningstar

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# REVIVALS

## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—A great revival is in progress at the Johnson City church; the power is falling like rain. Fourteen have been saved, 12 sanctified, and 11 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church is filled, and the end is not yet. The revival is being conducted by the pastor.—W. F. Morefield, Pastor.

HICKORY, N. C.—We are happy to report a successful revival at the Longview church. Ten were saved, 6 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. This church was organized under a tent two weeks ago, with 18 members. We are making good progress on our new church building now.—W. J. Pritchard.

BANNING, Ga.—We have just had a good revival here at the Banning church with Albert Gore as evangelist. Seventeen were saved, 17 sanctified, and 13 filled with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Harold Machem is our new pastor; he has been here four weeks. Thirty-two have been saved, 22 sanctified, and 13 filled with the Holy Ghost.—R. N. Skimmer, Reporter.

TELEGRAM: GREAT REVIVAL. EVANGELIST, ROLAND VERRICO. OUTSTANDING CROWDS. SPIRITUAL TIDE HIGH AT CRICHTON CHURCH, MOBILE, ALABAMA. 28 SAVED, 21 UNITED WITH CHURCH. REVIVAL STILL IN PROGRESS.—L. W. MCINTYRE, PASTOR.

ROCKMART, Ga.—We just had a glorious three weeks' revival with Rev. and Mrs. Kelland Jeffords as evangelists. Thirteen were saved, 11 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 19 joined the church. The Spirit-filled singing and preaching by our evangelists was a great blessing to our church and community. We certainly praise the Lord for His blessings on the work here.—Lewis Stover, Jr., Pastor.

BAXTER, Fla.—We have just witnessed one of the best revivals Baxter has known in quite a while. The blessings of the Lord were felt in each service. Rev. and Mrs. Amos Hurst, of Lake City, Florida, ran the revival for four weeks. People attended this revival who had never been to our church. We truly appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister P. E. Dronte, who have built a new church in a very good location since coming to Baxter.—Mrs. Dorothy Mae Crews.



## WILL IT THEN BE FINISHED?

By Ruby Slay

THESE SYMBOLIC WORDS, "It is finished," spoken by our Master as He hung between two worlds and two thieves, have reverberated down through the ages. This phrase embodies much, and because of its full meaning there lies within us today the glorious hope of a life free from the curse of sin.

Just as our Master's life was influential and left an impression on the multitudes that gathered round Him as He went from town to town, so do our lives—our Christian lives—leave imprints on others today. How true is the idiom, "Your life speaks so loudly I can't hear what you say."

Of all tasks in this world, the most delicate is that which lies upon the shoulders of the mother as she performs her duty to her God and to her home. It's true, there is no glamor attached to this position, for "a woman's work is never done"; and there is little praise received for the many services rendered—they are merely taken for granted. Yet, often have I wondered, should the Lord tarry, and I receive my call to a fuller life, could I say with all honesty and sincerity, "It is finished"? By this I mean MY WORK—my work as the wife of a minister, my work as the mother of two boys, my work as a Christian in the community! Have I given my husband unselfishly as a minister, as a helper to those in need? or has there been in my bosom a spark of jealousy because of the times he has had to be away from home taking care of his "Father's business"? Have I tried to lighten the load that falls heavily upon his shoulders as a minister, by en-

couraging him to cast all his cares upon Jesus? or have I doubted God, and in so doing caused a shadow to fall upon our way?

HAVE I GIVEN my boys the love and devotion that is alien to the world? Have I tried to mould their characters and refine the pure gold in their lives, so if Jesus should prolong His coming, they will be stalwart Christians, as unmovable as the rock of Gibraltar, even though the red tide of Communism is sweeping the world? Have I helped them to hide the Word of God in their hearts to enable them to stand when the enemy of their souls would see them fall?

Have I proved to my neighbors there is a reality in serving Jesus? Have I made our dwelling place, let it be where it may, a HOME?

If I have accomplished all this, I'm sure when my spirit soars from its house of clay, all previous red-letter days will vanish into nothingness. As the pearly gates of that celestial city swing open, the trials of this life will seem as nothing.

Surely, heaven will be a little sweeter for mothers! Those eyes whose lids were somewhat droopy because of sleepless nights, will behold the glory and beauty prepared for the children of God. Those feet that were crippled, swollen, and sore, will walk without pain on streets of gold. And those hands that were no longer lovely, will help to crown Him Lord of All!

When the Lord says it is enough, our work, as mothers, wives, and homemakers, will then be ended. May each of us be able to say as Paul, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course!"

# Religious NEWS

## NOTES FROM THE NEWS

Did you know . . . that people spend eight times more hours at movies than at Sunday School; that only one out of 12 persons in our country attend church; that 7 out of 8 children quit church and Sunday School attendance before they reach 15 years of age; that fifteen million "sex" magazines are printed monthly, and read by one-third of the American people; there are more barmaids in this country than in college; one million American girls have venereal disease; 100,000 girls disappear every year in white slavery; one million illegitimate babies are born annually; our nation harbors three times as many criminals as college students; there are almost a million illegal abortions performed annually; a major crime is committed every 22 seconds, an aggravated assault or rape every hour. Read, pray, weep, as you consider America's dreadful spiritual plight.—J. Edgar Hoover, in "Crime in America."

## LIQUOR OUTLETS EXCEED USEFUL INSTITUTIONS

OSCALOOSA, Iowa (EP) Under the title "The Great Delusion," the W.C.T.U. Champion gives us a revealing study of some vital statistics. "According to U. S. Government listings and estimates, which will be modified only slightly when detailed census reports are available, there are at the present time in the United States: 169,793 restaurants, 198,878 schools, 241,858 gasoline stations, 253,762 churches, 387,337 grocery stores, 483,633 saloons and liquor stores.

"The number of places where liquor can be purchased is thus more than churches. There is one retail liquor outlet for every 80 American homes and one for every 12 farms. There are 11 times as many liquor outlets as there are candy stores. Never in American history has there been an expansion in a single industry comparable to that of the liquor traffic during the short 18 years since the repeal of the 18th Amendment. When the American people voted for that repeal in 1933, in response to the persuasive liquor propaganda, they never dreamed that in 18 years there would be twice as many saloons as churches in the United States, and two and a half as many bars as schools."

## AMERICAN EVANGELIST STIRS ENGLISH CITY

NOTTINGHAM, England (EP) A. C. Valdez, of California, conducted a highly successful evangelistic and divine healing campaign in the large city of Nottingham, in the Midlands district of England, recently. The meetings were held in a large old Methodist chapel that was taken over some time ago by the Assemblies of God. The place was filled from the very commencement, and numbers mounted until the crowds filled every

available room and space in the whole church. At a conservative estimate, says *Redemption Tidings*, "over 2,000 decisions were made in the fifteen days . . . Never has there been witnessed in Nottingham so many and so varied miracles and healings as those which took place through the ministry of Brother Valdez . . . Albert Carter has now taken over the leadership of the work, and blessing continues. "The campaign has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that England is ripe for revival; hearts everywhere are hungry for God; crowds will still gather where the gospel of Christ is proclaimed in all its fullness and where the power of God is present to heal." Brother Valdez endeared himself to all hearts by his love, humility, and power.

## DESHAZER GOING TO KOREA

WINONA LAKE, Ind. (EP) Former Doolittle raider, prisoner in Communist China, and now Free Methodist missionary in Japan, Jake DeShazer, will conduct a preaching mission with U. N. troops in Korea during October. Meetings will begin October 7 with Chaplain (Capt.) Erwin Beitleschies, a Free Methodist chaplain, in the Seoul area. For the first week DeShazer will hold a series of meetings at one of the bases. To encourage men to attend, all amusement places will be closed, while the meetings are in session, according to the commanding officer. Following the series DeShazer will travel with the chaplain to various outposts where he will speak to the men on the front line.

## YOUNG CALIFORNIANS PLAN TO ADVERTISE AGAINST LIQUOR

ANAHEIM, Calif. (EP) Five young men have determined to launch an anti-liquor advertising program to show the country what really happens to a so-called "man of distinction." They have organized under the name of Truth Advertised as a non-profit California corporation. Kelley Norwood, president of the group, says that he felt driven to start the ball rolling after mulling for months over the thought that there must be some way to make anti-liquor propaganda effective. Mr. Norwood is an active young citizen chock full of ideas, who has done everything from selling real estate to selling music, besides serving on the city council of La Habra, where he lives.

## BELIEVES MESSIAH AT HAND

(EP)—Christians everywhere will note with interest the significant words of Ben-Gurion, Israel's Prime Minister, spoken recently: "I do not have the slightest doubt that these days are those of the Messiah. We cannot hinder the regathering of our people. We must help our suffering people to come to their homeland from their dispersion. If you want, for some better reason, to call me a 'visionaire'—then I am such. So were the prophets. This is another 'exodus out of Egypt.' We cannot deal with this matter merely on a business basis. Such problems can be faced only on a basis of spiritual vision."



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# REVIVALS

**MIDDLESEX, N. C.**—The Middlesex Church of God is progressing in every department. We just had a revival several weeks ago, in which several were saved and one new member was added to the church. Our Sunday School attendance has increased from 109 to 228. Pray for us here in Middlesex.—Herman Smith, Pastor.

**ADEL, Ga.**—We have just had an old-fashioned revival here in Adel, with the Rev. Lawrence Weaver, of Ellijay, Georgia, doing the preaching. During the revival, 16 were saved, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church greatly blessed. Rev. Weaver is a good singer, and his soul-stirring, evangelistic messages will bless any church. He may be contacted at Box 313, Ellijay, Georgia.—Roy Horton, Pastor.

**DURHAM, N. C.**—The West Durham Church of God recently held a three weeks' revival, which we considered a mountaintop experience for the church. Evangelist C. E. Richards, of Birmingham, Alabama, brought the soul-stirring messages each night. Twenty-five people were saved during the meeting, 15 sanctified, 14 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 10 joined the church, and 8 were baptized in water.—R. C. Muncy, Pastor.

**LAFAYETTE, Tenn.**—We recently had a two-week revival here with Rev. Carol A. Stanley, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, as evangelist. Many souls were blessed in this revival. Brother Stanley did some great preaching. Pray for us here.—R. L. Bailey, Pastor.

**MILLEN, Ga.**—We have recently had a two weeks' revival with Rev. A. L. Williams conducting the services. Nine were saved, 3 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Our L.W.B., which was recently organized, is doing a wonderful work in helping to get a new church building. Rev. P. S. Collins is our pastor; he is a wonderful man of God. We are expecting the Lord to bless at Long Branch, and we desire your prayers.—Mrs. J. E. Joiner, Jr., Clerk.

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.**—The Lord granted the Eighth Avenue Church of God in Knoxville a great revival. About 30 have been saved, 40 sanctified, and 38 filled with the Holy Ghost. Some marvelous healings were performed—cancer, goiter, sugar diabetes—and a man deaf for 25 years received hearing. Sister Miller preached one week and Walter Skutar three weeks.—Clerk.

**CHETOPA, Kans.**—We truly thank God for the good revival which we had here in Chetopa a short time ago. Eight were saved, 4 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number healed. It was our happy privilege to have the Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Kentucky, to do the preaching for us in this revival. Every message was especially anointed of God, it seemed. Brother Dagnan was a blessing to our church.—Amos A. Ledford, Pastor.

**PINEVILLE, Ky.**—We have just had a good revival here at Pineville, Kentucky, with Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Kentucky, as the evangelist. There were a number of experiences, and several were healed in the special healing services. The church was blessed very much in these services. Brother Dagnan is in evangelistic work entirely and is willing to go anywhere the Lord leads.—John Gouge.

**LINDEN, Ala.**—A wonderful revival was just held at the Linden Church of God, with Rev. David B. Suleiman, of Palestine, as evangelist. Brother Suleiman is a wonderful young man and is really consecrated to God. The forceful messages he delivers under the anointing of the Holy Ghost bring results. Fifty were saved, 5 sanctified, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. Each night he conducted a healing service after the altar service and numbers were healed of all manners of diseases. We really praise God for all the miracles He brought to pass. Rev. L. V. Agee is pastor, and God is really blessing the work. His faithfulness is being rewarded. We desire the prayers of all Christians.—Mrs. R. C. Barnwell, Clerk.

**GLASGOW, Ky.**—We have recently had a good revival, with Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Summers, of Saskatchewan, Canada, as evangelists. Brother Summers did some very good preaching; we looked forward to his message each night. Sister Summers is a good musician, on the accordion as well as the piano. Their special singing was a blessing. We had a number of definite experiences in this revival. Nine were baptized in water and 9 added to the church.—Frank Standifer, Pastor.

**LEACHVILLE, Ark.**—We have just had a twelve-night revival with Rev. Al Ragsdale as the evangelist. His preaching really blessed our church. Nine were saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 baptized in water. On the last day of the meeting we had a rally day for Sunday School and broke our Sunday School record with 307. Pray for us here at Leachville.—E. C. Pace, Pastor.

**WHITE PINE, Tenn.**—The tent revival here has come to a close after 8 successful weeks. This revival, conducted by Rev. Robert Johnson and his wife, was said to be one of the greatest revivals ever in White Pine. We report around 20 saved, 10 sanctified, and 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Many nights the tent didn't seat half the people that came to hear the full gospel preached. Brother Johnson seemed to have a special anointing each night, and the large crowds would sit spellbound as the message was delivered through God's humble servant. The altar was filled every night with hungry hearts crying to the Lord. Brother Woodrow Morgan was there several nights praying for the sick, and many received definite healing for their bodies.—Vivian Clevenger, Reporter.

**BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.**—We truly praise God for a wonderful three weeks' revival with Rev. G. Grooms, Jr. as evangelist. This was the best revival Black Mountain has had in a long time. Brother Grooms preached with love and humility, and his messages blessed our hearts. Seven souls were saved, 7 sanctified, and 6 filled with the Holy Ghost. We are truly thankful for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Bradshaw, who are loved and appreciated by us here.—Mrs. Roy H. Sexton, Reporter.

**VEEDERSBURG, Ind.**—We recently had a three weeks' revival here at the Veedersburg Church of God with Rev. C. R. Murray as evangelist. His messages, preached each night under the anointing power of God, were a great blessing to us. Many were healed in these services. Four were saved, 6 sanctified, 6 baptized in water, and 5 added to the church.

God is blessing our church in a miraculous way. The Sunday School record was broken the last Sunday of our revival. Our previous record was 60; the new record is 72. Our church is growing in membership, and we are now building a nice parsonage. We thank and praise God for what He has done for us here. Pray for us.—Mrs. Bertha Funk, Clerk.

**SWAINSBORO, Ga.**—A great revival was just held here with Miss Myrtle Whitehead as evangelist. This was the best revival we have had in a long time. God's presence was in every service, and the evangelist preached under the power of the Holy Ghost. Twenty-six were saved, 12 sanctified, and 12 filled with the Holy Ghost. Three members came into the church at the close of the revival, and later 4 more came into the church. Miss Whitehead is an evangelist who will prove a blessing to any church. She may be contacted at Hartwell, Georgia.—Walter C. Mauldin.

**WARESBORO, Ga.**—We have just had a two weeks' revival here at the Waresboro Church of God, with the pastor, Rev. Oscar L. Jackson, doing the preaching. Three were saved, 3 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. We had our home-coming day at the close of the revival. An offering was taken for the building of a parsonage, which amounted to over \$500 in pledges and the floor offering. With the help of the Lord and the good people here of Waresboro, we expect to put the program over for God and His cause.—O. L. Jackson, Pastor.

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